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We are again being plagued by the British Guiana problem.

April 19, 1962 - Thursday

E arrived home from Paris about midnight yesterday. Lorraine and John Cooper came by plane from Washington, at nine o'clock this morning, to stay a week or more with us.

Merle Cochran, former Ambassador to Indonesia, [redacted] now with IMF, visited me this afternoon. He is due to retire, when he reaches the age of 70, this autumn.

I lunched at the American Club. It was almost deserted, since most of our compatriots in business and the professions have already left London for the Easter holidays. The Foreign Office and other British Government Departments are said to be operating on skeleton staffs.

The Coopers dined with us tonight.

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April 20, 1962 - Friday

E and I left at noon today by Pan American jet for New York. I, as a guest of the US Government, was in the first class; E, on her own, was huddled on the aisle of the economy section, in a three-seater, flanked by a man, wife, and squalling baby.

I had as neighbors a pair of Richmonders, Mr. Read, Chairman of the Board of the Larus Tobacco Company, and his associate, Mr. Watson. When employed in the 1920's by W. A. Harriman & Co., I [redacted] tried, without success, to buy for public distribution the Edgeworth pipe tobacco part of their business. They wisely, as the

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